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**VYTEGRALES-CLASS SOVIET SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP (SSESS)**  
**HAVANA PORT FACILITIES, CUBA**  
**23-07N 82-20W**

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VYTEGRALES-CLASS  
SOVIET SPACE EVENT  
SUPPORT SHIP (SSESS)



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SOVIET SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP  
MORZHOVETS (VYTEGRALES - CLASS)  
HAVANA, CUBA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF A VYTEGRALES-CLASS  
SOVIET SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP (SSESS) IN  
HAVANA HARBOR.
2. LOCATION: THE MORZHOVETS IS ANCHORED AT HAVANA PORT  
FACILITIES, 23-07N 082-20W.
3. REMARKS: THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THIS CLASS OF SOVIET  
SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP IS TO TRACK AND MONITOR  
SOVIET RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITES AND OTHER SPACE  
VEHICLES. THESE SHIPS ALSO ENGAGED IN METEOROLOGICAL  
ACTIVITIES SUCH AS RESEARCH AND MEASUREMENT  
OF COSMIC AND/OR SOLAR RAYS AND THE VARIOUS LEVELS  
OF THE ATMOSPHERE, STRATOSPHERE, AND IONOSPHERE.
4. COLLATERAL:

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9. MISSION READOUT: NOB -- AT HAVANA PORT FACILITIES: 1 PCE, 2 KRON-SHTADT, 1 SO-1 SC, 2 KOMAR PTG, 2 YP, 5 P-4, 2 POSSIBLE SMALL COMBATANTS, AND 1 SSESS (VYTEGRALES-CLASS) ANCHORED IN HARBOR. VESSELS--33 LARGE FREIGHTERS, 18 SMALL FREIGHTERS, 3 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, 2 TANKERS, 3 FERRIES, 2 SEA GOING TUGS, AND NUMEROUS SMALLER VESSELS.

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ENLARGEMENT FACTOR: 4X

INSET: 40X

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